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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

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At home, we chose SONIC to provide internet access and home telephone to replace the poor service of our previous provider, AT&T. This service has been excellent and inexpensive. SONIC is currently installing fiber in our neighborhood.

We strongly support open access and competitive development.

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